

## **Grant will Improve Education, Reduce Energy Use for Schools, Municipalities and Homeowners**

Washington, DC —Congressman John Adler today announced that Burlington County College (BCC) will receive \$85,268 in federal funding. The federal grant was awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service under its Learn and Serve America Higher Education program. The Learn and Serve America Higher Education program supports colleges which use innovative service-learning programs to benefit our communities.

"During these tough times, it is critical that our students and communities get the resources they need," Congressman John Adler said. "This federal grant will save taxpayer money and teach our students about clean energy programs. Burlington County deserves its fair share of federal funds for energy reduction and education."

Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., President of BCC, is grateful for the funding. "We are constantly seeking innovative ways to educate the community about the environment. We are pleased that this funding will allow us to extend our reach into the middle schools and high schools of Burlington County," said Messina.

Burlington County College will use the grant to engage middle school and high school students in energy conservation and weatherization programs. Burlington County's BurServe Service-Learning program will help school districts, municipalities and homeowners reduce energy use by teaching and establishing energy efficiency measures.

The grant is one of 28 awarded to universities and colleges, totaling \$9 million. Specifically, the grants will support institutions of higher education that use innovative service-learning programming to meet the needs of local communities – from student retention to environmental concerns. Programs promote institutional commitment to the local community while promoting lifelong civic engagement for student participants.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov).